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July 1, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

GOULD CANYON CHANNEL - PARCEL 5; ALSO AFFECTS PARCELS 6, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, AND 21
GRANT OF EASEMENT - CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration (enclosed) and subsequent Notice of Determination prepared for the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System (Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5) Project by the City of La Canada Flintridge as lead agency and filed with the County Clerk on July 8, 2003; determine that the documents adequately address the environmental impacts of the proposed project and that the recommended grant of easement is within the scope of the proposed project; find that these actions reflect the independent judgment of the County; find that your Board has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with respect to the process for a responsible agency; and adopt by reference the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration.

- 2. Approve the grant of an easement for a sewer line (11,540 square feet) and ingress and egress from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the City of La Canada Flintridge along Gould Canyon Channel, Parcels 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, and 21 (10,749 square feet) for \$63,100. The Parcels are located on the southwest side of Gould Canyon Channel, between Oakwood and Gould Avenues, in the City of La Canada Flintridge.
- 3. Instruct the Chairman to sign the enclosed Easement document and authorize delivery to the Grantee.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to grant an easement in Gould Canyon Channel, Parcel 5, et al., to the City of La Canada Flintridge. The easement is located along the southwest side of Gould Canyon Channel, between Oakwood and Gould Avenues, in the City of La Canada Flintridge.

The City of La Canada Flintridge requested the easement for a sewer line and ingress and egress in connection with their La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project. The granting of this easement is not considered adverse to the District's purposes. Moreover, the instrument reserves paramount rights for the District's interests.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility. The revenue from this transaction will be used for flood control purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The City of La Canada Flintridge has paid the appraised value of \$63,100 for the easement. This amount has been deposited into the Flood Control Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The granting of this easement will not hinder the use of the channel for possible transportation, utility, or recreational corridors.

The enclosed Easement document has been approved by County Counsel and will be recorded.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors July 1, 2004 Page 3

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental impacts of their actions. The City of La Canada Flintridge is the lead agency for this project.

The Notice of Determination for the La Canada Flintridge Sewer Collection System (Areas 3A, 3B, 4, and 5) Project was filed by the City of La Canada Flintridge on July 8, 2003. The recommended findings are in accordance with CEQA and are required prior to your Board's granting of this easement.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

Enclosed are an original and two duplicates of the Easement. Please have the original and one duplicate signed by the Chairman and acknowledged by the Executive Officer of the Board. Please return the executed original and one duplicate to this office, retaining one duplicate for your files.

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND MAIL TO:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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Attn: Mapping & Property Mgmt Div. R/W Engineering Section

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THIS DOCUMENT IS EXEMPT FROM RECORDING FEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 27383 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE

Assessor's Identification Numbers: 5816-014-908 and 910 (Portions)

EASEMENT

For a valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic, hereinafter referred to as "District," does hereby grant to the CITY OF LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "Grantee," a perpetual easement for sewer lines, and ingress and egress purposes in, on, over, under, and across the real property in the City of La Canada Flintridge, County of Los Angeles, State of California, described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

Subject to all matters of record and to the following reservation and conditions which Grantee, by the acceptance of this Easement document and/or the exercise of any of the rights granted herein, agrees to keep and perform, viz:

- 1. District reserves the paramount right to use said land for flood control purposes.
- 2. Grantee agrees that it will not perform or arrange for the performance of any construction or reconstruction work in, on, over, under, and across the land herein-described until the plans and specifications for such construction or reconstruction work shall have first been submitted to and been approved in writing by the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Such approval shall not be interpreted or inferred as an endorsement or approval as to the design, accuracy, correctness, or authenticity of the information shown on the submitted plans and specifications. Furthermore, such approval cannot be relied upon for any other purpose or by any third party for any reason whatsoever. The District does not accept ownership or responsibility for the improvements.

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Also affects Parcels 6, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, and 21
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I.M. 189-217 and 174-217
S.D. 5
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- 3. Grantee agrees that it will indemnify and save harmless District, its officers, agents, and/or employees from any and all liability, loss, or damage to which District, its officers, agents, and/or employees may be subjected as the result of any act or omission by Grantee, its officers, agents, and/or employees arising out of the exercise by Grantee, or its officers, agents, or employees of any of the rights granted to it by this instrument.
- 4. It is expressly understood that District will not be called upon to construct, repair, maintain, or reconstruct, any structure or improvements to be erected or constructed pursuant to this Easement document.
- 5. The provisions and conditions contained in this Easement document shall be binding upon Grantee, its successors, and assigns.

To the extent any lawful assessment be levied pertaining to the area to which this easement applies and to the extent that the assessment is based on the structures and improvements being constructed under the authority of this easement and provided further that the assessment be levied following Grantee's exercise of these easement rights to construct such structures and improvements, Grantee agrees to pay on behalf of District that part of any such assessment levied against the District which is based on the value contributed to that area by Grantee's said structures and improvements.

Dated	
	LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, a body corporate and politic
	By Chairman, Board of Supervisors of the
(LACFCD-SEAL)	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
ATTEST:	
VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Of of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles	fficer
By Deputy	

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NOTE: Acknowledgment form on reverse side

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.	
the governing body of all and authorities for which Section 25103 of the Go	f Supervisors for the County of Los Angeles and ex officio other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies said Board so acts adopted a resolution pursuant to overnment Code which authorized the use of facsimile n of the Board on all papers, documents, or instruments.
20,thefacsimilesignatureof Chairman of the Board of Supervisor DISTRICT was affixed hereto as the offi	s of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL cial execution of this document. The undersigned further document was delivered to the Chairman of the Board of
In witness whereof, I have also hand year above written.	nereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day
	VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles
	By
	Deputy
(LACFCD-SEAL)	
APPROVED AS TO FORM	
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL	
Ву	CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE
APPROVED as to title and execution,	This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the within Easement document to the City of La Canada Flintridge, a municipal corporation, is hereby accepted under the authority by City Council action, of said City adopted on, 20, and the City consents to the recordation of said Easement document by its duly authorized officer.
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GOULD CANYON CHANNEL 5

Also affects: Parcel Nos. 6, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19 and 21 84-RW 1.1 A.P.N. 5816-014-908 and 910 (Portions) T.G. 535 (C3) I.M. 189-217 and 174-217 Fifth District M0223009

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part A (Grant of easement for sewer line purposes):

Those portions of those parts of Lot 1, Tract No. 9192, as shown on map recorded in Book 158, pages 30 and 31, of Maps, in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, described as PARCEL NO. 6, PARCEL NO. 16, and PARCEL NO. 19, all in a Final Judgment, had in Superior Court Case No. 515606, a certified copy of which is recorded in Book 24233, page 59, of Official Records, in the office of said recorder, and that portion of that part of said Lot 1, described as PARCEL NO. 17 in a Final Judgment, had in Superior Court Case No. 515606, a certified copy of which is recorded in Book 24703, page 128, of said Official Records, and that portion of that part of Lot 13, Tract No. 10589, as shown on map recorded in Book 166, pages 42 to 45, inclusive, of said Maps, described as PARCEL NO. 12 in a Final Judgment, had in Superior Court Case No. 515606, a certified copy of which is recorded in said Book 24703, page 128, within a strip of land 10.00 feet wide, the southwesterly sideline of said strip of land being described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the southwesterly line of said PARCEL NO. 12 and a line parallel with and 5.00 feet southeasterly, measured at right angles, from the northwesterly line of Lot 5, Tract No. 29807, as shown on map filed in Book 861, pages 92 to 95, inclusive, of said Maps; thence northwesterly along the southwesterly lines of said PARCEL NO. 12, PARCEL NO. 16, PARCEL NO. 19 and PARCEL NO. 17, a distance of 859.61 feet to the northwesterly terminus of that certain course described as having a bearing and length of S. 27°02'08" E. 696.41 feet in said southwesterly line of PARCEL NO. 17; thence northwesterly in a direct line to the most easterly corner of that certain parcel of land described in deed recorded on August 5, 1981, as Document No. 81-783618, of said Official Records; thence northwesterly along the northeasterly line of said parcel of land and its northwesterly prolongation, a distance of 207.45 feet to a line parallel with and 50.00 feet northerly, measured at right angles, from the northerly line of said parcel of land.

The northeasterly sideline of the above-described 10.00-foot wide strip of land shall be prolonged or shortened at angle points so as to terminate at their points of intersection

Containing: 11,540" s.f.

Part B (Grant of easement for ingress and egress purposes):

The southwesterly 10.00 feet of those certain parcels of land in Lot 13 of above-mentioned Tract No. 10589, described as PARCEL NO. 9 and PARCEL NO. 21, in a Final Judgment, had in Superior Court Case No. 515606, a certified copy of which is recorded in above-mentioned Book 24233, page 59, and the southwesterly 10.00 feet of those certain parcels of land in said Lot 13 described as PARCEL NO. 11 and PARCEL NO. 12, in a Final Judgment, had in Superior Court Case No. 515606, a certified copy of which is recorded in above-mentioned Book 24703, page 128, and also all that portion of that certain parcel of land in said Lot 13 described as PARCEL NO. 5 in a Final Judgment, had in Superior Court Case No. 515606, a certified copy of which is recorded in said Book 24233, page 59, lying southwesterly of a curve concentric with and 10.00 feet northeasterly, measured radially, from the curved southwesterly line of said PARCEL NO. 9

EXCEPTING therefrom any portion lying within the above-described Part A.

Containing: 10,349± s.f.

EXHIBIT A

INITIAL STUDY, ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

1. Project Title: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System

- Area 2

2. Lead Agency Name and Address: City of La Cañada Flintridge

1327 Foothill Boulevard

La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011-2137

3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Mr. Steve Castellanos, Public Works Director

818-790-8880

4. Project Location: City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles

County

5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: City of La Cañada Flintridge

1327 Foothill Boulevard

La Cañada Flintridge, California 91011-2137

6. General Plan Designation: Very Low Density Residential; Low Density

Residential; Vacant-Large Residential; Public

Open Space

7. Zoning: R-1-30,000; R-1-20,000; R-1-15,000; R-1-

10,000

8. Surrounding Land Uses and Settings.

The City of La Cañada Flintridge is located in the San Gabriel Valley in the County of Los Angeles and encompasses approximately 5,500 acres (8.6 square miles). The City is bounded by the City of Pasadena to the east, the City of Glendale to the south, Angeles National Forest to the north, and the unincorporated areas of La Crescenta and Montrose to the west.

The City's total population as of the Year 2000, according to the U.S. Census, was 20,318 residents. Over 90 percent of the City's developed land consists of single-family residences, most of which are located on large (one-quarter acre or more) lots. Local commercial land uses include a variety of businesses (commercial retail and office uses) located adjacent to Foothill Boulevard which is the main commercial thoroughfare in the City. There are no major industrial uses within the community. The largest institutional use within the City is the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) located on the City's eastern edge. Growth within the community in recent years has been limited primarily to the creation of small subdivisions, residential infill, and the recycling of uses along Foothill Boulevard.

La Cañada Flintridge is serviced by two Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts. District No. 28 serves a sewered portion of La Cañada Flintridge, including:

- La Cañada Flintridge Country Club;
- 475 residences in the northeastern section of the City;
- La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant (LCFWRP) Outfall, including 149 residential connections; and,
- Foothill Main, including 240 commercial property connections and 88 residential connections

District No. 28 operates the La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant, which provides secondary treatment by an activated sludge process for this sewered area. The LCFWRP has an average daily flow of 0.12 mgd, which is approximately one-half of the rated capacity. Treated effluent from the LCFWRP is discharged to holding ponds for later disposal on the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club golf course. Since the construction of the LCFWRP outfall line, sludge and excess effluents are treated via the Joint Outfall System (JOS).

The remaining portion of La Cañada Flintridge falls within the boundaries of District No. 34. With the exception of two small areas, District No. 34 is not on a sewer system. The community relies on individual septic systems for its sewage disposal needs.

9. Description of Project:

Introduction, Purpose and Need for the Project

The project consists of the financing and construction of a sewer collection system in Area 2. Parcels to be served are located within an area generally bounded by the I-210 (Interstate 210) freeway on the south. Gould Avenue on the east, La Cañada Boulevard on the west, and the City limits on the north. There are several parcels, however, located south of the I-210 freeway which are in included in the Area 2 sewer collection system. Parcels located in the area bounded by the La Cañada Flintridge Country Club on the north, Foothill Boulevard on the south, Gould Avenue on the west, and Viro Road and Starlight Crest on the east (Area 1) are included in a completed sewer project area. (See Exhibit 1 - Project Location) The proposed Area 2 sewer collection system would connect to the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles' trunk sewer line at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Oak Grove Drive which, along with its downstream extension along Linda Vista Avenue, the Lower Arroyo Seco parkland, and Arroyo Boulevard, is owned and operated by the City of Pasadena. The project would allow the affected properties to abandon their septic systems and be serviced by the Joint Outfall System (JOS). The first step towards implementing an area-wide sewer improvement system was accomplished with the construction of a new water reclamation facility (LCFWRP) and the installation of a gravity main sewer in Foothill Boulevard that connects to the County's outfall treatment system. (See Exhibit 2 - LCFWRP Outfall & Foothill Main Alignment).

La Cañada Flintridge is one of the few communities within the greater Los Angeles region which is almost fully developed, yet still primarily relies on septic systems for sewage disposal. This includes most of the residential areas within the proposed project service area. In addition, many of the systems are aged and failing. Numerous complaints of septic overflows and failures are received and verified annually by the Glendale Health Center. Reports of residential septic system failures and unpermitted discharges from illegal hookups and surface disposal of gray water are also received on a regular basis (averaging one to two complaints per week, with increases during rainy weather).

Sanitary and public health concerns arise from the aforementioned improper disposal methods. For example, drinking water supplies are endangered when sewage collects around water lines. High groundwater can cause septic tank effluent to come into contact with water lines. Under these conditions, should the water system develop a leak and a pressure drop suddenly occur, sewage could then contaminate the main line supplying water to La Cañada Flintridge residents. These situations may also provide to the general populace accessibility or direct contact to wastewater and raw sewage, as well as exposure to insects, rodents, pests, and other possible carriers of communicable diseases that may come into contact with drinking water.

Prior to 1999, sanitary sewers served only a small portion of the City of La Cañada Flintridge. In 1997, with the successful implementation of funding from the State Water Resources Control Board through the SRF loan program, the City was able to make available to 893 residences, 12 commercial properties, 4 schools and a church parcel, a sanitary sewer collection system. As of July 13, 2000, 634 of the 910 possible connections have been completed, or 70 percent of the residents have abandoned their septic systems and are currently being served by the newly constructed sanitary sewer collection system. For the remainder of the City, which includes approximately 4,800 parcels, the septic systems are aging and appear to be impacting groundwater quality. The increasing frequency of septic back up spills and maintenance problems in these remaining areas continues to raise additional public health and safety concerns.

In March of 1992, the City of La Cañada Flintridge approved two major projects in an effort to improve sewage disposal in the City. The projects (La Cañada Water Reclamation Plan Outfall and Foothill Main Sewer Projects) included the construction of an outfall from the La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant to the Oak Grove Drive Sewer to deliver sludge, excess effluent, and effluent by-pass to the Joint Outfall System which is the regional sewerage system serving greater Los Angeles County and which currently encompasses fifteen sanitation districts. The other component of the project was construction of a gravity sewer main along Foothill Boulevard to service La Cañada Flintridge Foothill Boulevard commercial uses and to provide the backbone sewer for a future local collection system. The sanitary sewer improvement zones for the City are depicted in **Exhibit 3**. The proposed local sewer collection system for Area 2 is shown in **Exhibit 4**.

Exhibit 1 - PROJECT LOCATION MAP		

Exhibit 2 – LCF WRP OUTFALL & FOOTHILL MAIN ALIGNMENT			

Exhibit 3 - Sewer Construction Phase Areas	

Project Characteristics

The proposed sewer collection system will consist of the construction of approximately 82,000 linear feet of 8-inch vitrified clay pipe (VCP) local gravity flow sewer line and 37,525 linear feet of 6-inch VCP lateral lines to collect wastewater from approximately 1,325 single-family homes, two schools, four commercial properties, one recreational club/lodge, and one public library. (See Exhibit 4). The 8-inch local sewer lines will be constructed in the public streets, with 6-inch laterals to each parcel's property line, and will convey sewage to the newly constructed La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant Outfall and the new Foothill Main sewer lines. Trenching would remove about 45,000 cubic yards of soil more than would be required for backfill. This may be exported or used to backfill cesspits abandoned as a result of sewer construction.

Property owners will be able to abandon their septic systems and construct a lateral from their houses to their property lines. The abandoned septic tanks would remain in place but the cesspits would require backfilling at the time the property goes on line with the new sewer system. Backfilling would require about one million cubic yards of soil that would have to be imported. If the excess soil from the trenching operation is used in the backfilling of the cesspits, about 800,000 cubic yards of dirt would have to be imported over a fifteen-year period or about 53,000 cubic yards per year.

A number of sewer lift stations would be required to pump sewage to trunk sewer lines when the trunk line is at a higher elevation that the property and gravity flow is not a feasible option. The lift stations would be underground facilities accessed through steel panels located in parkways where possible. Each lift station would require a control box about nine feet wide, six feet high and three feet deep which would also be placed within the parkway. The lift stations would be replaced where possible with "jacked pipes." These would carry sewage by gravity across land owned privately or by another public agency down to a trunk sewer rather than lifting sewage by pumping up to a trunk sewer. Such a replacement would require easements to be obtained from the property owners. The construction phase areas planned in Area 2 are described in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1
Land Uses in Sewer Construction Phase Areas

	Land Use						
Area	Single Family Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Schools	Recreational	Institutional	Churches
1 1	893	12		4			1
2	1,325	4		2 1 library	1 club/lodge		
Total	2,218	16	0	7	1	1	1

¹ It should be noted that the environmental documentation for the proposed sewer construction in Area 1 has been completed. This Environmental Initial Study addresses Area 2 only.

Exhibit 4 – Proposed Sanitary Sewer Lines	- Area 2	

A tentative project schedule has been developed for Areas 1 and 2 as shown in Table 2 below:

Table 2
Tentative Project Schedule

Area Estimated Construction Dates				
Area 1	Notice of Completion issued October 1999			
Area 2	October 2001-March 2003			

Exhibit 3 depicts the proposed sanitary sewer areas (improvement zones) for the City. **Exhibit 4** depicts the proposed layout of the sewer lines within Area 2.

Project Alternatives

The alternatives to the project include: (1) No Project (No Action) Alternative; (2) Cluster Septic System Alternative; and (3) Force Main to LCFWRP.

No Project (No Action) Alternative

The No Project (No Action) alternative would retain existing sewage disposal systems "in place" in the project area, which consists of individual septic systems. This alternative was rejected because it would not meet the objectives of the project, namely the provision of a sanitary sewer system to end the need for reliance on individual septic systems for sewage disposal. This alternative also would not provide adequate effluent disposal to eliminate the potential for continued violations of established Waste Discharge Requirements. In addition, this alternative would continue to allow groundwater contamination to the aquifer zone underlying La Cañada Flintridge. When a property is sold the City requires that its septic system be certified. Many old systems are failing to pass this test. Failure to improve the current system would cause negative environmental impacts to groundwater quality and public health and safety.

Cluster Septic System Alternative

The Cluster Septic System Alternative consists of constructing larger capacity septic systems to serve several homes at the same time. While this alternative does not create any new short-term sewage treatment impacts on the environment, it will hasten septic system saturation, thus providing a short-term fix at the risk of long term impacts. This system was rejected because, while it does not create any new short term sewage treatment impacts on the environment, it would require the acquisition of land (not available in most neighborhoods), would not correct groundwater contamination problems, and would accelerate septic system saturation problems. In addition, this alternative would result in greater and more widespread impacts, including increased grading and excavation activities, soil erosion and sedimentation, and potential loss of open space. When the built-out nature of the project area and potential environmental impacts on water quality are considered, the alternative contradicts national water quality goals.

Force Main To LCFWRP

The La Cañada Flintridge Water Reclamation Plant (LCFWRP) has the capacity to process an additional 0.08 mgd of sewage. Some of the sewage from a local collection system, as described in the Cluster Septic System Alternative, could be conveyed to the LCFWRP for treatment. Since the LCFWRP is located north of the proposed project, at a significantly higher elevation, one or more lift stations and force mains would be required to pump sewage from key collection points to the LCFWRP. However, although the LCFWRP has additional treatment capacity, the use of effluents is basically limited to the plant's current capacity and any

additional effluents would be returned to the JOS Trunk with the sludge for treatment again at the Whittier Narrow Water Reclamation Plant. Until additional uses for approximately 0.08 mgd of effluents is developed, this alternative does not achieve any project goals and would significantly increase capital and O&M cost impacts.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement)

State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)

Public Participation

A major component of the project has been a public outreach and participation program to gather public input and generate support for the project. For Area 1, the City developed a public outreach program that included newsletters and public information meetings. The outreach program in Area 1 was successful in promoting the project and educating the property owners on various aspects of project design, costs, and benefits. For Area 2, the public outreach and participation program included the mailing of newsletters, a questionnaire, and maps to affected property owners. Of the 1,333 septic location surveys mailed, 977 were returned with comments regarding house lateral design, the location of their septic systems, and various other comments. In March 1999, a second newsletter was mailed inviting project area property owners to one of four project information meetings that were held at the La Cañada Flintridge City Hall. An additional project meeting was held as well as several noticed City Council Study Sessions to promote discussion on the Area 2 and future sewer district areas.

Review Process

This Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration, including the Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation for Area 2 has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse in compliance with the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) to solicit comments from federal, state, and local agencies. The Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration has also been submitted to local government agencies. In addition, since the City is applying to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for partial funding under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program recipients of the study will be asked to submitted their comments to both the City and the SWRB. A Notice of Availability was published in the La Cañada Valley Sun on May 24, 2001 inviting the public to comment on the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration with the comment period closing on June 23, 2001.

A public hearing on the Final Initial Study and Negative Declaration, which responds to comments received on the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration, will be scheduled for a date and time certain after the close of the public comment period. Public notice of this hearing will be separately advertised in the La Cañada Valley Sun prior to the hearing date.

11. References

The following are also referenced where appropriate in the Environmental Checklist Form:

- 1. La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, Land Use and Housing Elements, 1993.
- 2. La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.
- 3. CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993;
- 4. Field review of the project area, September, 1999
- 5. Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations of Area 2 Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, September 23, 1999.
- 6. U.S.G.S. Quadrangle (7.5 minute series).
- 7. La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR
- 8. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Erosion & Sedimentation Control, September 1992.
- 9. Phone conversation with Mark Alexander, Assistant City Manager, City of La Cañada Flintridge, August, 2000; Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Presentation to City Council, May 6, 1996. (source 9)
- 10. La Cañada Water Reclamation Plant Outfall and Foothill Main Sewer Projects Negative Declaration and Initial Study, January, 1992
- 11. Conversation with Fullmer Chapman, Former Director of Public Works, City of La Cañada Flintridge, August 20, 2000.

12. Appendices

Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations of Area 2 - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge

REPORT PREPARERS

The following consulting firms assisted City of La Canada Flintridge in the preparation of this Initial Study:

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> Dean Sherer, AICP, Principal Planner Kim Zuppiger, Associate Planner Virgilio Vita, Assistant Planner

Responsibility: **Preparation of Initial Study Checklist**, **Mitigated Negative Declaration**

McKenna, et. al. 6008 Friends Avenue Whittier, California 90601 (562) 696-3852

Jeanette A. McKenna, M.A. SOPA/ROPA Certified, Principal

Responsibility: Cultural Resources Investigation

INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages:

	Aesthetics Biological Resources Hazards & Hazardous Materials Mineral Resources Public Services Utilities / Service Systems	 □ Agriculture Resources ■ Cultural Resources ■ Hydrology/Water Q □ Noise □ Recreation □ Mandatory Findings Significance 	uality	□ □ □	Air Quality Geology /Soils Land Use / Planning Population / Housing Transportation / Traffic	
DE	TERMINATION: (To be comp	leted by the Lead Agen	су)			
On	the basis of this initial evaluati	on:				
	I find that the proposed proje and a NEGATIVE DECLARAT		significant effe	ct or	n the environment,	
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	I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.					
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- A brief explanation is required for all answers, except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factor as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis.)
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including offsite as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiring, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures, which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST:

I	AESTHETICS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woul	d the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
c)	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			\boxtimes	
d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

I(a). **No Impact.** The La Cañada Flintridge General Plan does not designate any scenic resources within the project area. The proposed sewer improvements would be constructed beneath City streets and, therefore, public views would not be adversely affected by the project and no private views of any scenic vistas would be affected.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Aesthetics Section, July 1993

- I(b). **No Impact.** The project area is not located along a scenic highway and there are no scenic or historic resources located within the project area.
- I(c). Less than Significant Impact. The project would create temporary negative aesthetic impacts during the construction period. These impacts would include open views of construction equipment and vehicles, pipe storage areas, temporary barriers and excavated dirt. However, upon completion, the project will be unnoticeable because it would be located beneath City streets.

A number of sewer lift stations would be required to pump sewage to trunk sewer lines when the trunk line is at a higher elevation that the property and gravity flow is not a feasible option. However, the lift stations would be underground facilities accessed through steel panels located in parkways where possible. Each lift station would require a control box about nine feet wide, six feet high and three feet deep which would be placed within the existing parkways. These facilities, because of their low profile, are not expected to create a negative aesthetic impact.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

I(d). **No Impact.** There are no light sources or reflective surfaces associated with the project and, therefore, the project would not create light or glare.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

II AGRICULTURE RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessmen Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to non-agricultural use?				X
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
c) Involve other changes in the existing environmen which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

II(a). **No Impact.** A field review of the project vicinity confirmed that the surrounding area is completely developed with urban uses and no properties in the vicinity are used for zoned for agricultural operations. The City of La Cañada Flintridge does not contain "Prime Farmland".

Reference: Field review of the project area, September, 1999.

- II(b). **No Impact.** The project area is not zoned or used for agricultural purposes and the City does not contain any land designated as agricultural preserve by the Williamson Act.
- II(c). **No Impact.** The sewer collection system would be placed beneath existing roads and there would be no change in the existing pattern of land uses occurring in the area. The project would not displace farmland since none exists within the project area.

III	AIR QUALITY	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
applic	e available, the significance criteria established by the able air quality management or air pollution control district be relief upon to make the following determinations. Would oject:				
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?			\boxtimes	
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?			×	
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?			\boxtimes	
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			\boxtimes	

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

- III(a). **No Impact**. The project will create short-term impacts to air quality caused by construction activities. See response to III(b), below. These short-term impacts would not obstruct the implementation of air quality plans for the Los Angeles basin.
- III(b). Less than Significant Impact. Air pollutants would be generated during project construction, primarily from construction vehicle emissions and fugitive dust caused by earth disturbance. The project would also import an average of about 20 truckloads of soil per working day to backfill the abandoned septic pits. Due to the relatively small magnitude of daily project construction and extended nature of the project schedule, construction emissions are expected to be well below significance thresholds established by the South Coast Air Quality Management District. After construction, there would be no air pollutant emission associated with the project.

Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993.

III(c). Less than Significant Impact. The proposed project would be located in a non-attainment area for various pollutants regulated under applicable federal and state air quality standards. However, since air quality impacts would only be short-term and construction-related, they are unlikely to increase the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations due to project compliance with SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District) Rules and Regulations. In addition, emissions from construction activities are not anticipated to exceed Significance Emission Thresholds established by the SCAQMD in the CEQA Air Quality Handbook.

Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993.

III(d). Less than Significant Impact. Air pollutant emissions would only be generated during the period of project construction. Since pollutants generated during project construction are expected to fall below levels considered to be significant, there should be no significant exposure of sensitive receptors to air pollutants (see discussion IIIb above).

Reference: CEQA Handbook, South Coast Air Quality Management District, 1993; Field review of the project area, March, 1997.

III(e). Less than Significant Impact. Exhaust fumes from construction equipment are the only odors expected to be generated by project construction activities. These are expected to be minor and temporary, with no potential for significant impact on nearby sensitive receptors.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

IV	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wou	uld the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.				\boxtimes
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.				\boxtimes
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites				\boxtimes
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?		\times		
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

IV(a). **No Impact.** Because the area is fully urbanized, no significant natural areas exist in the vicinity and, therefore, no habitat capable of supporting sensitive plant or animal species exists in the immediate vicinity of the project area. According to the La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, the various natural plant communities that do still exist in the City (coastal sage scrub and medium to high density chaparral) are all located in higher elevation areas such as the San Gabriel Mountains and the San Rafael Hills.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.

IV(b). **No Impact.** There are no locally designated natural communities in the project area.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September, 1999; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.

IV(c). **No Impact.** There are no wetland habitats, marshes, riparian areas, or vernal pools in the project area, therefore no impact would occur.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September 1999; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.

IV(d). **No Impact.** The project area is not located within a wildlife movement corridor and does not provide a connection between natural habitat areas.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September 1999; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.

IV(e). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. Individual mature trees (e.g. eucalyptus, oak, deodoras, sycamores, elms) and existing stands of mature trees should remain largely undisturbed because sewer construction activities would be confined to existing public street rights-of-way. However, there may be instances in which excavation activities would disturb the roots and/or root structures of local trees, including large eucalyptus, sycamore, oak, and deodora trees. These trees are of great value to the community and should be protected. The following mitigation measure would reduce the project's impact on the trees to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure IVe-1 - Construction crews shall be alerted to the potential for damage to roots and root systems of trees adjoining the rights-of-way where excavation and trenching activities are proposed. Whenever damage or potential damage to roots or root systems of mature trees as a result of construction activities becomes evident, work shall cease and the services of a certified arborist shall be retained to advise and assist in implementing measures to protect the health of existing trees and tree root systems in the project area.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September, 1999; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, Biological Resources Section, 1993.

IV(f). **No Impact.** No portion of the project area lies within an area covered by an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan. Therefore, no impact would occur.

٧	CULTURAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wou	ld the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?		X		
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?		\boxtimes		
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?				\boxtimes
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?		\boxtimes		

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

V(a). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. A Phase I Cultural Resource Investigations was conducted for Area 2. The study indicates three areas of concern: the Foothill Boulevard right-of-way and the Angeles Crest Highway right-of-way for historic resources and the general project area for prehistoric resources. The studies recommend that the entire Area 2 be considered sensitive for prehistoric cultural resources and the alignments of Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway be considered moderately sensitive for historic resources. The following mitigation measure would reduce impacts on cultural (archaeological and historical) resources to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure Va-1 – The applicant shall provide full-time archaeological monitoring along the Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway rights-of-way and part-time (spot) monitoring along the remaining sewer alignments. The part-time monitoring shall consist of no less than 20 percent time (one day per week), unless resource identification warrants additional coverage.

Reference: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations of Area 2 - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, September 23, 1999.

V(b). **Less Than Significant With Mitigation.** See discussion under V(a) above. Project excavation may expose archeological resources in the area designated as sensitive on moderately sensitive. Implementation of Mitigation Measure Va-1 would reduce impacts on archeological resources to a less than significant level.

Reference: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations of Area 2 - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, September 23, 1999.

V(c). **No Impact.** The project area possesses neither significant topographical relief nor any observable geologic or physical feature that would be considered unique. No paleontological resources are expected to be found during project excavation because the trenching would not be deep enough to expose fossiliferous rocks.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September, 1999; U.S.G.S. Quadrangle (7.5 minute series).

V(d). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. The Native American Heritage Commission was contacted regarding the project. The Commission has indicated that it has no record of any resource in or within the immediate area of the proposed project. The Gabrielino-Tongva Tribal Council was also contacted. The Council requested that it be informed of any ground altering activities associated with the project and that it be provided with a report of any trench monitoring. The Council further requested that, if any Native American resources or remains are uncovered, they be informed immediately and be permitted to participate in the discussions of the deposition of such materials.

Mitigation Measure Vd-1 –The applicant shall maintain communication with the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council to keep them informed of any ground altering activities together with a report of the results of trench monitoring. If any Native American resource is uncovered, the applicant shall inform the Council immediately and permit it to participate in any discussion of the deposition of the uncovered materials.

Reference: Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations of Area 2 - Proposed Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project in the City of La Cañada Flintridge, Los Angeles County, California, McKenna et al, September 23, 1999.

VI GEOLOGY AND SOILS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project:		_		
 a) Expose people or structures to potential substantia adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or deat involving: 				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated of the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or base on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				\boxtimes
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				\boxtimes
iii)Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				\boxtimes
iv)Landslides?				\boxtimes
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?		\times		
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, of that would become unstable as a result of the project and potentially result in on or offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	,		\boxtimes	
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-i of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantiarisk to life or property?			\times	
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal system where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	3		\boxtimes	

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

VI(a). **No Impact.** The City of La Cañada Flintridge is located in a seismically active region and the Sierra Madre Fault runs directly through the City. The project would be subject to ground-shaking from this fault and other various active and potentially active fault zones in Los Angeles County and the region. However, the project itself would not expose people to hazards associated with fault rupture in that the sewer collection system would be designed and constructed according to earthquake-related safety standards. Furthermore, the proposed sewer improvements will be constructed below grade and within the right-of-way of existing streets, thus further reducing the likelihood of hazards resulting from a nearby fault rupture and seismic ground-shaking.

Certain areas within the City (primarily alluvial areas having groundwater depths of less than 30 feet) are subject to liquefaction. The general vicinity of the project site is subject to liquefaction hazards and, therefore, the proposed sewer collection system could be subject to damage from liquefaction during a major seismic event. However, standard engineering design measures incorporated into the project would minimize the potential for structural damage to the sewer system improvements. Portions of the sewer service area are located in hillside areas. However, landslide and mudslide potential is not considered a concern is these areas.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Earth Resources section, 1993; and La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VI(b). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. Excavation within existing streets will be needed to construct the sewer collection system and some movement of earth will be

required to create trenches for both the 8-inch vetrified clay pipe (VCP) and 6-inch lateral lines. Excavation beneath sidewalks and on private property is also anticipated in order to install the sewer line and lateral connections thereto. The amount of excavation and earth movement needed for project construction would vary according to location. In addition, and depending on the location and extent of excavation activities, project construction would temporarily increase the potential for soil erosion. The primary concern would be the potential for soil adjacent to open trenches to be loosened and to be carried into existing storm drain channels beneath the street. Another concern is the potential for soil to be deposited onto the surface of public streets in the project area resulting from construction vehicles leaving the site of excavation activities and tracking soil onto roadways. Although erosion potential is relatively minor because of the small degree of earth disturbance associated with the project, the following mitigation measures are required to reduce soil erosion impacts to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure VIb-1 - Construction plans shall specify measures for controlling erosion at construction sites and preventing soil from being carried into the storm drain channels on existing streets. Examples of erosion control measures include temporary detention basins, straw bale dikes, silt fences, earth dikes, brush barriers, velocity dissipation devices, drainage swales, check dams, subsurface drain, pipe slope drain, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, sediment traps, or other controls. For all areas with significant side or downslope conditions, sandbag dikes, silt fences, straw bale dikes or equivalent control practices shall be required.

Mitigation Measure VIb-2 - At the end of each day of construction, any soil or debris deposited onto local streets by construction equipment shall be removed. If any material deposited onto the roadway or adjacent sidewalk represents a safety hazard in the opinion of a public works inspector on site, it shall be cleaned up immediately and construction halted, if necessary.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000; State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Erosion & Sedimentation Control, September, 1992.

VI(c). Less than Significant Impact. The potential for subsidence is only a concern where fill material has been imported and has not been properly compacted. Such conditions are possible at the proposed sites of excavation and pipe laying, however subsidence is considered unlikely since the excavation sites have already been in use for public right-of-way purposes and, therefore, soils at the site should already have been properly prepared to accommodate the sewer collection pipe lines and laterals. Proper excavation, trenching, and shoring practices will need to be followed and sewer pipeline will need to be placed on compacted fill or firm undisturbed natural soils and in accordance with engineering recommendations for sewer design and installation.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program, prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VI(d). Less than Significant Impact. Development of the new sewer collection system is not anticipated to result in a project located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risk to life or property. The existence of expansive soils at a new development site is determined through soil testing prior to finalizing construction plans. The existence of such soils can influence footing and foundation design and, typically, engineering design measures incorporated into construction plans can adequately address potential problems associated with expansive soils.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing

Elements, Earth Resources section, 1993; and La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VI(e). Less than Significant Impact. A new sewer system would replace septic tanks. The abandoned septic tanks would remain in place but the cesspits would require backfilling at the time the property goes on line with the new sewer system. The sewer collection system will be designed to accommodate the potential soils problems associated with expansive soils (see discussion VId above).

VII	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUSMATERIALS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woi	ıld the project:				
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				\boxtimes
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?		X		
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?			\boxtimes	
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		\times		
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

- VII(a). **No Impact.** The sewer collection system project does not involve the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials.
- VII(b). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. Construction of the proposed project is not anticipated to use explosive or highly hazardous substances. During project construction, the only hazardous substances anticipated to be in use would be fuel (most likely diesel) and lubricating oil used by construction equipment. Normal use of these substances would not present a significant risk of upset.

There is a low to medium probability that groundwater and shallow soils impacted with fuel hydrocarbons underlie portion of the project area. Groundwater and shallow soils impacted with fuel hydrocarbons may be encountered during trenching activities. The project itself, however, is not expected to result in the generation of any hazardous

waste or other waste products requiring special handling and disposal. The following mitigation measures would reduce the project's impact on hazardous materials to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure VIIb-1 - If groundwater is encountered during construction and dewatering is necessary, the effluent generated shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits

Mitigation Measure VIIb-2 - If during excavation activities soil affected by gasoline hydrocarbons is encountered, the affected soil shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

- VII(c). Less Than Significant Impact. The project will not involve the handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials. Hazardous emissions will be confined to exhaust emissions from construction equipment. These emissions, however, are short-term in nature and are not anticipated to adversely affect human health. See IIIc.
- VII(d). **No Impact.** No portion of the sewer collection system area is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.
- VII(e). **No Impact.** No portion of the sewer collection system is proposed within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.
- VII(f). **No Impact.** No portion of the sewer collection system is proposed within the vicinity of a private airstrip.
- VII(g). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. The City of La Cañada Flintridge has adopted the Standardized Emergency Management System ("SEMS") management system, which provides an organizational framework and a coordinated response by multiple jurisdictions to emergencies and natural disasters. Under this system, the City's Emergency Operations Center will be responsible for the identification of emergency evacuation routes through the City. In general, all major north/south travel corridors in the City (e.g. Angeles Crest Highway, Gould Avenue) would function as emergency evacuation routes in the event of a local emergency or natural disaster. Foothill Boulevard, the City's only major east/west corridor, would also act as a major emergency evacuation route. Since sewer construction activities would occur on these routes, there is the potential for construction activities to hamper or block evacuation during an emergency. The following mitigation measures would reduce the project's impact on emergency evacuation routes to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure VIIg-1 - Bi-directional travel on major and local streets shall be maintained in construction areas to facilitate normal traffic flow and to facilitate evacuation of residents in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Mitigation Measure VIIg-2 - Access for emergency vehicles around or through construction sites shall be maintained.

Mitigation Measure VIIg-3 - Sewer construction crews shall, in the event of an emergency evacuation, cease all construction activities and restore the construction areas in a manner which allows for unimpeded vehicular access and travel.

Reference: Phone conversation with Mark Alexander, Assistant City Manager, City of La Cañada Flintridge, August, 2000; Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Presentation to City Council, May 6, 1996.

VII(h). **No Impact.** The area of the proposed sewer collection system will be located underground in an urbanized area. Therefore, there would be no increase in fire hazard on the site or adjacent areas.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September, 1999.

VIII	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wot	uld the project:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	\boxtimes			
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				X
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or offsite?				X
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or offsite?				\boxtimes
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff.				\boxtimes
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				\boxtimes
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				×
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				\boxtimes
j)	Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

VIII(a). Potentially Significant Beneficial Impact - The project would result in a potentially significant beneficial impact on ground water quality. The City overlies the Monk Hill subunit of the Raymond Basin aquifer that has historically reported high levels of nitrate concentrations, and more recently volatile organic compounds (VOCs), in excess of State action levels or drinking water standards. Replacement of existing septic systems with sanitary sewer facilities would greatly reduce the likelihood of the release of any substances that could infiltrate underlying aquifers and affect groundwater quality.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Water Resources section, 1993; La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VIII(b). **No Impact.** The project would not involve additions or withdrawals of groundwater, and excavations required for project construction would not be of a depth that would affect the direction or rate of flow of any underlying aquifers. Installation of the sewer collection system may, however, reduce the quantity of water from percolation of septic tank effluent.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VIII(c). **No Impact.** Construction of the proposed sewer collection system could temporarily cause erosion, possibly resulting in soil being deposited into existing storm drain channels. This could cause a temporary increase in water turbidity. Measures recommended to reduce soil erosion during project construction should adequately address this issue (see discussion VIb above).

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VIII(d). **No Impact.** The proposed sewer collection system would not intersect or cross any known stream channels or watercourses. The project, therefore, would not affect the course or direction of water flows in the project area.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

VIII(e). **No Impact**. The construction of the sewer collection system will not add impervious surfaces and will not prevent water from soaking into the underlying soil because it will be constructed beneath City streets. A slight increase in impervious surfaces may result from construction of various sewer lift stations in the project area if the City pursues this option. However, because the amount of surface area associated with the lift stations is so small, any changes in rates of absorption and surface runoff would be so minor that they would be considered insignificant.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

- VIII(f). **No impact.** Through the application of erosion control and other NPDES measures, the anticipated sewer collection system project is not expected to substantially degrade local water quality.
- VIII(g). **No impact.** No housing development is associated with the project, therefore, no new housing will be located within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map.

VIII(h). **No Impact.** According to the La Cañada Flintridge General Plan EIR, the project area is not located in an area that is subject to flooding during either a 100-year or 500-year storm event. The project would not cause people or property to be exposed to water-related hazards such as flooding.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Water Resources section, 1993.

- VIII(i). **No impact.** Development of the sewer collection system will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam.
- VIII(j). **No Impact.** The City is not subject to seiche, tsunami, or mudflows, therefore, no hazard-related impacts are anticipated.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Final EIR, General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements, Earth Resources section, 1993.

IX	LAND USE AND PLANNING	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wot	uld the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?			×	
c)	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

IX(a). **No Impact** - The project would provide a new sewage and wastewater conveyance system within existing roadways in the City. No new roads or physical barriers would be constructed in conjunction with the project and therefore, no physical division of portions of the City would result from the project.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program, Prepared by Willdan, July, 2000.

IX(b). Less Than Significant Impact - The Agency with jurisdiction over the project is the City of La Cañada Flintridge. Although the sewer collection system will tie into Los Angeles County Sanitation District City of Pasadena facilities, the Sanitation District will have no direct involvement in the operation or maintenance of the local sewer collection system. No conflict with the environmental plans or policies of La Cañada Flintridge has been identified. Furthermore, because the project is a conveyance project, it is not considered regionally significant and, therefore, is not subject to Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) or State Implementation (SIP) conformity review. The project, as proposed, is sized and located to support the density of development identified in the La Cañada Flintridge General Plan. Therefore, the project presents no conflicts with general plan designations or zoning.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, Land Use Element, November, 1993

IX(c). **No Impact.** As previously indicated, the proposed sewage and wastewater conveyance system does not conflict with any habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan

x	MINERAL RESOURCES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wo	uld the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State?				\boxtimes
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

- X(a). **No Impact.** There are no known mineral resources on the project site, so construction of the project would not result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State.
- X(b). **No Impact.** There are no locally-important mineral resource recovery sites in the project vicinity.

ΧI	<u>NOISE</u>	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wo	uld the project result in:				
a)	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?			\boxtimes	
b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?				\times
c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				\boxtimes
d)	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				\boxtimes
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\times

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

XI(a). Less than Significant Impact - Project construction activities would cause temporary increases in local noise levels. The City's noise ordinances (Ordinances 166 and 172) provide a basis for controlling noise generated by construction activities. The ordinance provides specific noise standards for stationary sources, such as construction sites, and limits the hours of construction activity. Required compliance with the City's noise ordinances would provide adequate regulation of construction noise impacts and thereby avoid excessive noise levels.

Reference: Field review of the project area, September, 1999; La Cañada Flintridge General Plan Land Use and Housing Elements EIR, July 1993; City of La Cañada Flintridge Noise Ordinances 166 & 172.

- XI(b). **No Impact.** The project will not result in exposure of people to excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels, nor is the development of these sites likely to generate such vibration or noise.
- XI(c). **No Impact.** The project will not result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity. The only noise associated with the project will be construction-related noise. See XIa.
- XI(d). **No Impact.** See response to XIa.
- XI(e). **No Impact.** The project is not proposed within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport.
- XI(f). **No Impact.** The project is not proposed within the vicinity of a private airstrip.

XII	POPULATION AND HOUSING	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Wot	uld the project:				
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			\boxtimes	
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

XII(a). Less Than Significant Impact. The project represents an extension of a major infrastructure facility in the community and the project's design is intended to accommodate both current and future demands of the service area (See Exhibit 1). However, the service area itself is currently built out with single-family homes and very little land capacity remains for the construction of future residences. According to the City's General Plan, only 341 acres of vacant residential land was available for development in 1993 for the entire City. The estimated project area population as of Year 2000 is 20,315 is residents. It is anticipated that there will be a slight increase in the project area population over the life of the project, due primarily to increased household sizes.

The design of the proposed sewer collection system will reflect the ultimate build out of the area; however, the project is not expected to result in growth in the area that might not otherwise occur without the project. Furthermore, this project, combined with the previously approved La Cañada Water Reclamation Plant Outfall, Foothill Main Sewer

and Area 1 projects, provides conveyance capacity that is consistent with the 2010-projected wastewater demand according to the 1989 AQMP/GMP for the La Cañada Flintridge area and the Joint Outfall System (JOS).

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, November, 1993; La Cañada Water Reclamation Plant Outfall and Foothill Main Sewer Projects Negative Declaration and Initial Study, January, 1992; La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XII(b). **No Impact.** The project does not involve the displacement of any housing.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XII(c). **No Impact.** No housing units would have to be relocated to offsite areas because of the project; therefore, the project would have no impact on displacement of people or existing housing units.

XIII PUBLIC SERVICES	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would the project: result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?				
a) Fire protection?				\times
b) Police protection?				\times
c) Schools?				\times
d) Parks?				\times
e) Other public facilities?			\boxtimes	

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

XIII(a). **No Impact.** Construction of the proposed improvements is not expected to have any effect on fire protection services. The improvements would not result in any fire or safety hazard and would not affect emergency response capabilities. Since no new land use is being introduced, the project would not result in an increased demand for services.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XIII(b). **No Impact.** Construction of the proposed improvements is not expected to have any effect on police protection services. The improvements would not pose a potential crime or security problem and would not affect emergency response capabilities. Since no new land use is being introduced, the project would not result in an increased demand for services.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XIII(c). **No Impact**. The project would not generate new students and would not adversely affect routes to nearby schools. Therefore, the project is not expected to have an effect on schools.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

- XIII(d). **No Impact.** The project would not generate any additional demand on park or recreational facilities in the community.
- XIII(e). Less than Significant Impact. The new sewer collection system would be maintained by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Consolidated Sewer Maintenance Division. The Division is currently providing said maintenance to other incorporated cities in Los Angeles County on a contract basis. The addition of the proposed sewer collection system to the maintenance responsibilities of the Division is not expected to generate a need for additional personnel or equipment.

Because project construction activities would involve excavation, it is possible that buried natural gas or electrical power lines, telephone lines could be accidentally damaged by construction equipment, possibly resulting in a disruption of service to the area. As a normal practice, the locations of any buried utility lines in the construction zone would be identified on construction plans. The proposed improvements would be designed to avoid underground lines, if possible. Prior arrangements would be made with utility purveyors to relocate lines, if necessary. Standard procedures are in place for notifying utility companies and emergency agencies if a buried utility line is damaged by construction activities.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000

XIV	RECREATION	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes
b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

XIV(a). **No Impact.** The project would not induce population growth and, therefore, would not result in an increased demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XIV(b). **No Impact.** The project is not expected to have any adverse effect on existing recreational opportunities. The project will not restrict access to any recreational facilities

or otherwise limit the use of any recreational facilities.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

xv	TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Woι	ıld the project:				
a)	Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?		X		
b)	Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				\boxtimes
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				\boxtimes
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?		\times		
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?		\times		
f)	Result in inadequate parking capacity?		\times		
g)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				X

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

XV(a). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. The proposed improvements would not result in the generation of significant vehicle trips, however, excavation in City streets and construction-related vehicular trips and movements would contribute to traffic congestion. Although the potential for increased traffic congestion generation is relatively minor because of the limited number of construction vehicles required for the project, the following mitigation measures would reduce traffic congestion impacts to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure XVa-1 - During project construction, only a small number of vehicles shall be permitted at any given time at a project location and construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction area on a regular basis shall be regulated to specific routes and number of trips.

Mitigation Measure XVa-2 - A haul route plan for trucks and construction equipment shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to the commencement of construction activities. Said haul route plan shall include alternative routes, when necessary, to avoid traffic congestion or disruption to certain adjoining land uses such as commercial businesses and schools.

Mitigation Measure XVa-3 – Construction-related truck trips shall be limited to off-peak commute periods.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

- XV(b). **No Impact.** Development of the sewer collection system will not have an impact on levels of service on City streets or travel on City streets except during construction activities. See XVb.
- XV(c). **No Impact.** Development of the sewer collection system will not have an impact on air traffic patterns, given the nature of the project and the fact that there are no airports in the vicinity of the project.
- XV(d). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. The project will create temporary hazards or barriers for pedestrians and bicyclists. These hazards or barriers will be short-term, however, and will be limited only to areas of construction activity. Nevertheless, it will be necessary to adequately inform pedestrians and bicyclists of these temporary hazards and barriers. The following mitigation measures would reduce impacts to pedestrians and cyclists to a less than significant level:

The proposed project would not include any design features that would result in traffic hazards. The installation of the sanitary sewer system also would not include a change in existing roadway or intersection configurations in the project area. There would be temporary roadway obstructions during the construction phase of the project (construction barriers, etc.). However, these obstructions would be for a limited period of time and would be necessary to improve public safety in the areas where streets are undergoing excavation and sewer facilities are being installed.

Mitigation Measure XVd-1 - Temporary construction-related hazards and barriers affecting pedestrian and bicycle movements shall be clearly indicated at construction locations.

Mitigation Measure XVd-2 - All construction sites shall be clearly posted (including open trench and excavation areas) and shall be secured against unauthorized trespass or entry during non-construction periods.

Mitigation Measure XVd-3 - Appropriate hazard warning lights shall be utilized to warn pedestrians and bicyclists of construction areas during evening hours.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XV(e). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. Construction activities may temporarily block access to private properties and to public uses including schools. In addition, there is a potential for emergency vehicle access to be blocked by sewer construction activities. Since the majority of sewer construction work would occur in existing public rights-of-ways, alternative access at specified locations should be identified in order to maintain access to private and public properties and to ensure that emergency vehicle access is maintained to adjoining residences, businesses, and public uses. The following mitigation measure would reduce access impacts to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure XVe-1 - Construction vehicle parking, staging, and storage area plans shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to commencement of construction activities. Said plans shall indicate where access points to adjoining properties would be blocked by construction vehicles and activities and shall identify alternative access routes and access points for use by the public and for emergency vehicles.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000

XV(f). Less Than Significant With Mitigation. The project would not create a demand for parking; however, it may affect existing parking facilities. Because construction would occur within existing rights-of-ways, the availability of on-street parking would be reduced for temporary periods of time during excavation and construction activities. Residents who regularly utilize parking on local public streets could be adversely affected by the loss of parking during construction periods. This would be especially true for businesses located along Foothill Boulevard which do not have adequate parking on site to meet their customer parking needs and which rely on available onstreet parking.

Any information regarding the proposed prohibition of on-street parking during construction hours should be made available to the general public and to those persons likely to lose the use of on-street parking at any particular given location. The following mitigation measure would reduce the impact of the temporary loss of on street parking to a less than significant level:

Mitigation Measure XVf-1 - The locations of on-street parking to be temporarily lost during construction periods of the project shall be posted a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance, clearly indicating to the public the days and/or hours in which parking will not be available for use by the public. In addition, if necessary, signs shall be posted directing the public to alternate parking locations during the construction period. Any such locations shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the temporary removal of on-street parking.

XV(g). **No Impact** - The project would not conflict with policies supporting use of alternative transportation.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge General Plan, Circulation Element, May, 1995.

XVI	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Would	I the project:				
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				\boxtimes
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes
d)	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				\boxtimes
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				\boxtimes
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				\boxtimes

XVI	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\boxtimes

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

XVI(a). **No Impact.** The project would have a potentially significantly beneficial impact by removing existing septic systems and replacing them with a sanitary sewer collection system. The project would result in a reduction of health violations related to septic system failures. In addition, the potential for contamination of existing groundwater would be reduced as a result of the project.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XVI(b). **No Impact.** The project would not result in the need for new water treatment or distribution facilities. The project would not result in an increase in water consumption and, therefore, will not affect water supplies.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XVI(c). **No Impact.** The project would not affect the capacity of storm drainage facilities and would not contribute significantly to the amount of storm flow carried by these facilities. Therefore, the project would not result in the need for new or expanded storm drainage facilities.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000

XVI(d) **No Impact.** The project would not result in an increase in water consumption and, therefore, would not affect water supplies.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XVI(e).**No Impact.** The project would provide wastewater transportation facilities not currently in place. Adequate wastewater treatment facilities exist to treat wastewater transported by the proposed sewer collection system.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XVI(f).**No Impact.** The project would not generate any solid waste and, therefore, would not affect solid waste collection and disposal systems, nor the capacity of local landfills.

Reference: La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Project Report and Draft Revenue Program prepared by Willdan, July 2000.

XVI(g) **No Impact**. See response to XVI(f).

XVII	MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
Doe	s the project:				
a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			\boxtimes	
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)			X	
c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			\boxtimes	

Explanation of Checklist Judgements:

- XVII(a). Less than Significant Impact. Since the proposed project involves construction activity, the potential exists for various impacts that could degrade the environment. Typical impacts related to construction activities include earth disturbance, erosion, water quality degradation, air pollutant emissions, and noise. In the case of the proposed project, all such potential impacts are minor and can be satisfactorily controlled through the implementation of standard mitigation measures and construction practices. There is no aspect of the project which would reduce or degrade fish or wildlife habitat, threaten any plant or animal community, affect any sensitive plant or animal species, or eliminate any examples of California history or prehistory.
- XVII(b). Less than Significant Impact. Since all of the potential impacts related to the proposed project are a result of construction activity, they will be temporary in nature and will cease when construction is complete. As a result, the individual effects of the project do not have the potential to be cumulatively significant, assuming no other construction projects occur in the immediate vicinity at the same time.
- XVII(c). Less than Significant Impact. The project's only identified adverse effects on human beings are noise and air pollution (e.g., dust, fumes) generated by construction activities. These are not considered significant impacts.

Mitigation Monitoring Program

A Mitigation Monitoring Program has been prepared to describe the responsibilities and procedures for monitoring the implementation of mitigation measures. The table on the following page indicates: 1) when the implementation of each mitigation measure is to be monitored, 2) who is responsible for making sure that each measure is properly implemented, and 3) how the implementation of mitigation measures is to be reported. As indicated on the following table, eighteen measures are required to mitigate potentially significant impacts.

La Cañada Flintridge Sewer Collection System Mitigation Monitoring Program

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
Mitigation Measure IVe-1 - Construction crews shall be alerted to the potential for damage to roots and root systems of trees adjoining the rights-of-way where excavation and trenching activities are proposed. Whenever damage or potential damage to roots or root systems of mature trees, as a result of construction activities, becomes evident, work shall cease and the services of a certified arborist shall be retained to advise and assist in implementing measures to protect the health of existing trees and tree root systems in the project area.	Construction	Public Works Inspector or Certified Arborist	A certified Arborist shall be contacted immediately if damage to tree roots is suspected. The City Engineer shall be notified immediately.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure Va-1 – The applicant shall provide full-time archaeological monitoring along the Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway rights-of-way and part-time (spot) monitoring along the remaining sewer alignments where excavations would be adjacent to or relatively close to listed properties. The part-time monitoring shall consist of no less than 20 percent time (one day per week), unless resource identification warrants additional coverage.	Construction	Qualified Archeologist	A qualified archeologist shall keep a monitoring log for resource identification purposes	This is a required mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measures Mitigation Measure Vd-1 –The applicant shall maintain communication with the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council to keep them informed of any ground altering activities together with a report of the results of trench monitoring. If any Native American resource is uncovered, the applicant shall inform the Council immediately and permit it to participate in any discussion of the deposition of the uncovered materials.	Period of Implementation Preconstruction and construction	Monitoring Responsibility Public Works Director (or designee)	Reporting Procedure The Public Works Director or a designee shall report weekly to the Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council on any ground altering activities and on the results of trench monitoring. The Public Works Director or designee shall report to the Council immediately if any Native American resource is uncovered.	Comments This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure VIb-1 - Construction plans shall specify measures for controlling erosion at construction sites and preventing soil from being carried into the storm drain channels on existing streets. Examples of erosion control measures include temporary detention basins, straw bale dikes, silt fences, earth dikes, brush barriers, velocity dissipation devices, drainage swales, check dams, subsurface drain, pipe slope drain, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, sediment traps, or other controls. For all areas with significant side or downslope conditions, sandbag dikes, silt fences, straw bale dikes or equivalent control practices shall be required.	Pre-construction (Plan Preparation)	Public Works Director (or designee)	Construction plans and specifications shall be checked for compliance. Construction activities shall be checked for compliance.	This is a required mitigation measure. Construction activities will also need to be checked for compliance.

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
Mitigation Measure VIIb-1 - If groundwater is encountered during construction and dewatering is necessary, the effluent generated shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure VIIb-2 - If during excavation activities soil affected by gasoline hydrocarbons is encountered, the affected soil shall be containerized and disposed of off-site or be treated and discharged on-site after regulatory approval of appropriate permits.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure VIIg-1 - Bidirectional travel on major and local streets shall be maintained in construction areas to facilitate normal traffic flow and to facilitate evacuation of residents in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.	Construction	Public Works Director; Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure VIIg-2 - Access for emergency vehicles around or through construction sites shall be maintained at all times.	Construction	Public Works Director; Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
Mitigation Measure VIIg-3 - Sewer construction crews shall, in the event of an emergency evacuation, cease all construction activities and restore the construction areas in a manner which allows for unimpeded vehicular access and travel.	Construction	Public Works Director; Public Works Inspector	A Public Works Inspector or member of the City's EOC shall monitor compliance during emergency evacuations.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure XVa-1 - During project construction, only a small number of vehicles shall be permitted at any given time at a project location and construction vehicles entering and leaving the construction area on a regular basis shall be regulated to specific routes and number of trips.	Construction	Public Works Director (or designee)	The Public Works Inspector shall monitor and report on compliance to the City Engineer.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure XVa-2 - A haul route plan for trucks and construction equipment shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to the commencement of construction activities. Said haul route plan shall include alternative routes, when necessary, to avoid traffic congestion or disruption to certain adjoining land uses such as commercial businesses and schools.	Pre-construction (Plan Preparation)	Public Works Director (or designee)	Haul route plans for trucks and construction vehicles shall be checked for compliance.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure XVa-3 – Construction-related truck trips shall be limited to off-peak commute periods.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	The Public Works Inspector shall monitor and report on compliance to the City Engineer.	This is a required mitigation measure.

Mitigation Measures	Period of Implementation	Monitoring Responsibility	Reporting Procedure	Comments
Mitigation Measure XVd-1 - Temporary construction-related hazards and barriers affecting pedestrian and bicycle movements shall be clearly indicated at construction locations.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure XVd-2 - All construction sites shall be clearly posted (including open trench and excavation areas) and shall be secured against unauthorized trespass or entry during non-construction periods.		Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation Measure XVd-3 - Appropriate hazard warning lights shall be utilized to warn pedestrians and bicyclists of construction areas during evening hours.	Construction	Public Works Inspector	A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.
Mitigation MeasureXVe-1 - Construction vehicle parking, staging, and storage area plans shall be submitted to the City for review and approval prior to commencement of construction activities. Said plans shall indicate where access points to adjoining properties would be blocked by construction vehicles and activities and shall identify alternative access routes and access points for use by the public and for emergency vehicles.	Pre-construction (Plan Preparation)	Public Works Director (or designee)	Construction parking, staging and storage plans shall be checked for compliance.	This is a required mitigation measure.

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Mitigation Measure XVf-1 - The locations of on-street parking to be temporarily lost during construction periods of the project shall be posted a minimum of fourteen (14) days in advance, clearly indicating to the public the days and/or hours in which parking will not be available for use by the public. In addition, if necessary, signs shall be posted directing the public to alternate parking locations during the construction period. Any such locations shall be reviewed and approved by the City prior to the temporary removal of on-street parking.	Pre-Construction	Public Works Inspector Director; Public Works Inspector	Provision of supplemental off-street parking at proposed locations to be reviewed and approved by City. A record of compliance shall be logged daily and submitted to the City Engineer weekly.	This is a required mitigation measure.